

House Resolution No. 4105

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of communities and neighborhoods which have proven down through the years to be exemplary contributors to the diversity and strength of the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, the town of Hume was founded in 1880 by Leroy Taylor in sections 7 and 8 of Howard Township in the southwestern corner of Bates County just a few miles away from the Kansas border; and

Whereas, originally named Howard, the city was renamed Hume by the federal postal system and was replatted in 1881 to allow for a town square; and

Whereas, when the early settlers objected to a railroad line being built through the middle of their town, the Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis railroad hired between five and six hundred men to work all day on Sunday, September 13, 1891, to lay the track at a time when city business could not be conducted; and

Whereas, unlike many of its neighboring towns which sprung up alongside the railroad, Hume was founded because of the presence of coal in the area and the rich soil which made for abundant crops; and

Whereas, during its days as a true frontier town, Hume was home to several saloons, a hotel, a bank, a mill, a photographer, a hardware store, a lumber yard, blacksmiths, a bakery, a barbershop, a milliner, a dressmaker, a drayman, an undertaker, and a public meeting hall; and

Whereas, an early resident who served as a novice carpenter wrote to his wife about attending church services in Hume, which now is the location of such spiritual institutions as Hume Baptist Church, Hume Christian Church, and Hume United Methodist Church and such community-oriented groups as the County-line 4-H, Lions Club, Hume Fair Association, Ball Association, Mo-Kan Hattitudes (also known as the Red Hat Society), Garden Club, and numerous school organizations; and

Whereas, Hume's population has risen and fallen down through the years due to a variety of conditions, from a high of nearly six hundred in 1930 to today's nearly three hundred residents who are celebrating on Saturday, August 6, 2005, their community's history and one hundred twenty-five years of existence:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of the town of Hume and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as its citizens celebrate the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their community; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the town of Hume, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Barney Fisher
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4105, adopted August 1, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker